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In re Application of: Aminabhavi et al.
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Filing Date: December 5, 2001
Group Art Unit: 1756
Title: ION EXCHANGE MEMBRANES, METHODS AND
PROCESSES FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF AND
USES IN SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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